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- A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).
- ☒ B. the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97(c). (\$180.00).

3. Fee Payment

- ☒ Applicant elects the option to pay the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for

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Attached is a check for \$_____.

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5. Miscellaneous

- X In an abundance of caution, a copy of the British Combined Search and Examination Report for United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0114390.8 is being provided

Respectfully submitted,
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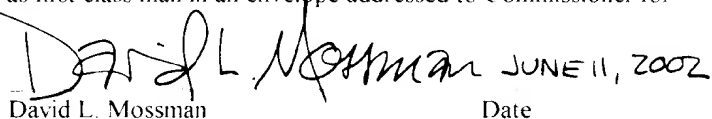
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

It is respectfully submitted that the art listed on the attached PTO/SB/08B be considered in the examination of the subject application and made of record herein. A copy of the art is enclosed herewith.

The art is in English and thus an explanation of its relevance is not required. In an abundance of caution, a copy of the British Combined Search and Examination Report for United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0114390.8 is also provided.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicant's attorney at the number below for any reason that may advance the prosecution.

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